

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-14-05

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL IHSS PROGRAM MANAGERS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

**Reason For This Transmittal**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☒ Clarification Requested by one or More Counties
- ☐ Initiated by CDSS

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES PROGRAM (PCSP) AND IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PLUS WAIVER PROGRAM**

The purpose of this All-County Information Notice (ACIN) is to provide counties with an understanding of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) process and timeframe for calculating 1) the amount of retroactive Personal Care Services Program (PCSP) expenditures as part of the new interpretation of the Medi-Cal State Plan allowable services; 2) the interim claim for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Plus Waiver; 3) the anticipated reimbursement date for counties to receive funds, and 4) methodology for counties to utilize in estimating their own savings.

**Retroactive Adjusted PCSP (State Plan) Claim (May 1, 2004 to July 31, 2004)**

CDSS is calculating the counties' reimbursement for Protective Supervision and Domestic and Related Only services, eligible for PCSP as of May 1, 2004 to July 31, 2004. These calculations will be completed the week of March 21, 2005. CDSS will submit a claim to Department of Health Services (DHS) for reimbursement.

**Interim IHSS Plus Waiver and Adjusted PCSP Claims (August 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005)**

CDSS is currently determining the IHSS Plus Waiver and the adjusted PCSP claims for August 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. CMIPS modifications to determine these calculations are in process. CDSS anticipates these claims will be completed the week of April 25, 2005. Upon completion, CDSS will submit these claims to DHS for reimbursement.

**Anticipated Reimbursement Date**

Upon reimbursement from DHS, CDSS anticipates each county will receive a reimbursement check for these funds in June 2005.

## **Methodology to ESTIMATE Savings Related to IHSS Plus Waiver Implementation**

As Counties begin the budget process for 2005-2006, as well as managing current budgets, the question has been raised regarding estimates of the savings Counties may realize through implementation of the IHSS Plus Waiver.

Due to the time involved in gathering the requirements for the changes necessary for CMIPS, we have yet to provide official reporting and refunds. There are some relatively simple calculations that a county can use to ESTIMATE the impact the waiver will have on them.

As you know, the intent of the Waiver is to move most (if not all) of the original IHSS Residual population into some form of Federal Financial Participation (FFP), either PCSP or the Waiver. There will be a population, currently estimated at around 1500, that will remain in IHSS Residual.

Using January 2005 Management Stats Paid data, we find the following:

61,012 paid cases statewide were in IHSS Residual. Using our estimate of 1500 paid cases remaining in IHSS Residual, we find that approximately 2.5% of the IHSS Residual population will remain IHSS Residual.

Currently the IHSS Residual program is paid for with 65% State funds & 35% County funds. Assuming FFP of 50%, the savings Counties would realize is 17.5% of the IHSS Residual expense.

So a quick calculation on management stats data will provide counties with an estimate:

$$\text{IHSS Residual Paid \$} \times .975 \text{ (removing the cases that remain IHSS Residual)} \times .175$$

(the savings for the county) = APPROXIMATE county savings

Any questions regarding these policy issues should be directed to the Adult Programs Branch, Adult Programs Operations Bureau, at (916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA